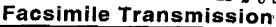
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In response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10.

Remarks begin on page 11.

An Appendix including an amended drawing sheet, a new drawing sheet, and an annotated sheet showing changes is attached following page 15 of this paper.

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